

The Storm Water Pollution Prevention Bulletin is prepared by the Storm Water Compliance Review Task Force to aid all projects and operations in maintaining compliance with the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit requirements.

Compliance Assistance Program

REMINDER!!!

The Annual Certification for the SWPPP is due from the Contractor on June 15th.



Caltrans is responsible for compliance with all requirements and provisions of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit and all other applicable permits, and delegates these requirements to the Contractor.

Therefore, Caltrans personnel must be knowledgeable in the compliance requirements and be familiar with Best Management Practice (BMP) field applications.

The Storm Water Compliance Assistance Program has been initiated by Headquarters to provide assistance to Caltrans RE's and construction staff in achieving compliance with the Caltrans Specifications and the NPDES permits. Compliance assistance inspectors are available to provide compliance support, although are not intended to replace Caltrans staff or their responsibilities.

The benefits of a typical Compliance Assistance visit include the following:

Compliance Improvement - The project Storm Water inspector and Contractor's representative can increase their knowledge of compliance requirements and effective BMP construction.

Problem Reporting - A detailed report highlighting needed improvements and problems that have been identified, is provided to the RE after every visit.

Information Update - The construction team can be brought up to date on new pollution prevention issues that may affect the project.

Support Service - Trouble shooting assistance can be provided for solving unique problem areas.

Other services provided by the Compliance Assistance Team:

Plan Review - The Assistance Team can assist in the review of the Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan/Water Pollution Control Program (SWPPP/WPCP), and appropriate amendments submitted by the Contractor.

Regulatory Assistance - Help in meetings with Environmental Regulators, or other parties interested in storm water pollution prevention, can be provided.

Training Classes - On-site training classes for Caltrans and Contractor personnel, with an emphasis on site-specific issues, can be scheduled.

Preconstruction Meetings - A short program can be presented at preconstruction meetings to alert Contractors to SWPPP/WPCP requirements.

For more information or to sign up call:

The Compliance Assistance Team:

Melinda McCoy (714) 567-2588.

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They will be able to arrange the specifics of the Compliance Assistance Program. The Assistance Team can help avoid serious erosion and discharge problems as a result of incorrectly installed BMP's, like the ones shown in the photograph below.



The use of plastic sheeting as a temporary down-drain will result in high velocity, concentrated flows. Gravel bags should be used instead of silt fence, to reduce flow velocities and prevent erosion of the toe of slope.

One final note, there are **no costs to your project** for the Compliance Assistance Program.

Additional information is available in the Caltrans Storm Water Quality Handbooks. Questions or comments may be directed to:

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